

## Fredericksburg Area Local Human Rights Committee

### Minutes- **APPROVED**

Regular Quarterly Meeting – April 26, 2013

**Attendance and Determination of Quorum:** Quorum met

#### **Members:**

**Present:** Lynn DelaMer, Debe Fults, Marguerite Roche, and Rachel Wright

**Absent:** Nancy Sorrentino and Heidi Swale – resigned due to health issues

**Regional Advocate:** Kevin Paluszak

#### **Guest:**

#### **Affiliates:**

**Present:** Dominion Day Services, Family Counseling Center, Family Preservation Services, Family Solutions, Heritage House of Virginia, Intercept, Lutheran Family Services, National Counseling Group, Orlando's Place, PEOPLE LLC, Ray of Hope Living, Restorative Youth Services, Wall Residence Inc.

**Absent:** Global Behavior Therapy Associates

**Guests:** Serenity Behavioral Health

**Starting of the Meeting / Review of Agenda:** Debe Fults, acting chair in absence of Chair Nancy Sorrentino, called the meeting to order at 9:35am; sign-in sheet distributed; agenda reviewed with no adjustments.

**Reading/Approval of old Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes by Rachel Wright, seconded by Marguerite Roche; motion carried to approve minutes from October 26, 2012 meeting.

**Public Comment:** none

**Affiliate Reports:** Christine Heit announced that reports from all affiliates were received.

#### **Old Business:**

Orlando's Place – Shirley Taylor provided updated program information, revised policies including crisis training as well as license status. Discussion included admissions criteria, accessibility, identification of medically fragile clients and transportation. A motion by Lynn DelaMer to grant affiliation was seconded by Rachel Wright, and passed.

#### **New Business:**

##### **National Counseling Group**

- seeking approval to implement CPI nonviolent crisis interventions as Handle with Care discontinued. The committee reviewed the restraint change. A motion by Marguerite Roche and seconded by Rachel Wright passed.
- Notification of addition of TDT in 2 new schools in Stafford beginning in fall 2013

**Lutheran Family Services** – Notification of addition of outpatient mental health program that will be provided at Christ Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg

**Intercept** – Notification of expansion of outpatient services to residents in LHRC region

**Serious Death/Injuries** – A handout was distributed to all affiliates and committee members that defined items reported to Licensing.

**Report of the Regional Advocate:** Kevin Paluszak provided an update on the Human Rights reporting system- CHRIS – with implementation required by DOJ settlement. He also provided an update on START, and changes in Mental Health Support Services. New guidelines will be emailed.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

**Report of Committee Members:** Debe Fults distributed information about upcoming workshops sponsored by the disability Resource Center. Lynn DeLaMer distributed provider forms to newly-affiliated programs for inclusion on the Community Mental Health Resource List maintained by Mental Health America of Fredericksburg and posted at [www.mhafred.org](http://www.mhafred.org).

**Reports from FALHRC Affiliates:**

Dominion Day Services:	Present; report received
Family Counseling Ctr for Recovery	Present; report received
Family Preservation Services:	Present; report received
Family Solutions:	Present; report received
Global Behavior Therapy Associates	Present; report received
Heritage House:	Present; report received
Intercept	Present; report received
Lutheran Family Services	Present; report received.
National Counseling Group	Present; report received
Orlando's Place	Affiliation requested; currently not serving clients in the Fredericksburg area
PEOPLE	Present; report received
Ray of Hope	Present; report received
Restorative Youth Services	Present ; report received
Serenity Behavioral Health	No report received; requesting affiliation; currently not serving clients in the Fredericksburg area
Wall Residence Inc.	Present; report received

**Announcements:** none

**Next Meeting** – August 2, 2013

**Adjournment of Open Session:** 10:45am

**Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Lynn DeLaMer, seconded by Rachel Wright, and passed to go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711 for the purpose of reviewing the care provided to clients of Heritage House, Restorative Youth Services and Wall Residencies. Upon reconvening the Local Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session. The FALHRC requested that regional advocate Kevin Paluszak will seek guidelines regarding the affiliation of Restorative Youth Services with the FALHRC and appropriate future steps. A special FALHRC meeting may be scheduled prior to the next regularly-scheduled meeting in August with a request that the program director Kathleen Fitzsimmons attend as she sent a case manager to today's meeting even though her attendance had been requested with notification of a closed session to discuss FALHRC concerns

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